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LONDON FOR CLAXTON

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TAGS: SPOS, SZ
SUBJECT: CLAXTON VISIT TO DONOR COUNTRIES ASSISTING POPULATION
PROGRAMS

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1. CLAXTON HAS RESERVATION AT HOTEL SILVAHOF (NEXT
TO EMBASSY) FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 20 AND 21. EMBASSY
CONTROL OFFICER IS FSO JOHN SPILLANE.

2. APPOINTMENT MADE FOR 1000 HOURS, MAY 21, WITH
AMBASSADOR MARCEL HEIMO, DELEGATE FOR TECHNICAL
COOPERATION, FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT (FOREIGN
OFFICE), AND OTHER OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH VERY
SMALL SWISS POPULATION PROGRAM. AMBASSADOR RENE
KELLER, WHO HEADED SWISS DELEGATION TO BUCHAREST
POPULATION CONFERENCE, WILL BE OUT OF COUNTRY DURING
CLAXTON'S VISIT, BUT REPRESENTATIVE FROM KELLER'S
OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, FPD, WILL
ATTEND MEETING WITH HEIMO.

3. ACCORDING TO ROLF WILHELM, HEIMO'S DEPUTY, SWITZER-
LAND'S POPULATION PROGRAM LIMITED TO SMALL CONTRIBUTION
TO UNFPA (APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 134,000 IN 1974 - SIMILAR
CONTRIBUTION EXPECT IN 1975). SWISS HAVE NO RPT NO
BILATERAL POPULATION PROGRAMS. AT ONE TIME SWISS
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INVESTIGATED POSSIBILITY OF BILATERAL PROGRAMS IN

INDONESIA AND NEPAL, BUT DECIDED IT MORE EFFICIENT TO
CONCENTRATE SWITZERLAND'S LIMITED DEVELOPMENT AID
RESOURCES IN EFFORTS TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION. WHILE
SUPPORT OF HEALTH CENTERS IN VARIOUS LDCS MAY CONTRIBUTE
TO FAMILY PLANNING EFFORT, SWISS BELIEVE THIS ONLY
INCIDENTAL BENEFIT. SWISS FULLY APPRECIATE SERIOUSNESS
OF POPULATION PROBLEM, BUT BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS AND
GENERAL PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO EXPAND AID PROGRAMS PRE-
CLUDE ANY NEW SWISS INITIATIVES IN POPULATION FIELD
AT THIS TIME.
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